

**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/036,137

Applicant(s)

MASLOV ET AL

Examiner

Steven P Sax

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM  
THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. This is a continuation of S.N. 09/548718, filed 4/13/2000, now U.S. Patent 6,538,673.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by DaCosta et al (6826553).

4. Regarding claim 1, DaCosta et al show: method for extracting digests from structured online documents and monitoring the digests (Figures 2, 4, column 5 lines 15-36), recording the script that consists of commands that include loading the online document in the source window, navigating the source online document and copying the fragment of the document to the target window (column 5 lines 35-60, column 7 lines 28-55), saving the script in a computer readable medium (column 7 lines 45-60), replaying the script using a computer to automatically generate an updated target

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document from an updated source document (column 7 lines 55-67, column 8 lines 8-45).

5. Regarding claim 2, the online document includes any document that has hierarchical internal structure that can be represented by a tree (column 7 lines 30-54).
6. Regarding claim 3, the method employs a visual programming technique (column 8 lines 19-40).
7. Regarding claim 4, the visual programming technique provides at least a source window and target window for each script (Figures 11-13, column 8 lines 50-65, column 11 lines 30-50).
8. Regarding claim 5, the user can select a fragment of a source online document shown in a source window by clicking the fragment and to request creation of a script that finds the selected fragment in the current and subsequent versions of the source document (column 13 lines 15-50).
9. Regarding claim 6, a sequence of commands that comprise the script that extracts the fragment is generated (column 15 lines 20-60).

10. Regarding claim 7, the generated list of commands include tree navigation commands that lead from the root node to the node of the source document that represents the fragment (column 14 lines 15-48).

11. Regarding claim 8, the commands include a copy fragment command to transfer contents from the source fragment to the target window (column 13 lines 35-60, column 17 lines 35-55).

12. Regarding claim 9, the memorized commands are replayed at a subsequent time to automatically create a digest of a new version of the online document (column 15 lines 20-60).

13. Regarding claim 10, the digest is smaller than the document and is a fragment of a course document made by the user to omit unnecessary and irrelevant graphics and text (column 15 lines 30-50).

14. Regarding claim 11, the script is replayed at predetermined time intervals automatically (column 16 lines 14-35).

15. Regarding claim 12, commands are recorded to form a script, identifying a portion of a document to be copied to a target document and identifying a placeholder in

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the target document to which the fragment is copied (column 13 lines 30-55, column 17 lines 35-55).

16. Regarding claim 13, the copied document fragment is represented by a node in a tree representing the document (column 13 lines 30-55).

17. Regarding claim 14, commands are recorded to form a script, recording navigation commands that navigate the document browser to the document (column 14 lines 15-48).

18. Regarding claim 15, DaCosta et al show: method for extracting digests from structured online documents and monitoring the digests (Figures 2, 4, column 5 lines 15-36), recording the script that consists of commands that include loading the online document in the source window, navigating the source online document and copying the fragment of the document to the target window (column 5 lines 35-60, column 7 lines 28-55), saving the script in a computer readable medium (column 7 lines 45-60), replaying the script using a computer to automatically generate an updated target document from an updated source document (column 7 lines 55-67, column 8 lines 8-45). The online document includes any document that has hierarchical internal structure that can be represented by a tree (column 7 lines 30-54). The script identifies a fragment of a structured document to be copied from a source document to a target document (column 13 lines 35-60).

19. Regarding claim 16, the visual programming technique provides at least a source window and target window for each script, that allows a user to select a fragment of a source document to create a script that copied the fragment to the target window (Figures 11-13, column 8 lines 50-65, column 11 lines 30-50).

20. Regarding claim 17, the generated list of commands include tree navigation commands that lead from the root node to the node of the source document that represents the fragment (column 14 lines 15-48).

21. Regarding claim 18, the commands include a copy fragment command to transfer contents from the source fragment to the target window (column 13 lines 35-60, column 17 lines 35-55).

22. Regarding claim 19, the memorized commands are replayed at a subsequent time to automatically create a digest of a new version of the online document (column 15 lines 20-60).

23. Regarding claim 20, commands are recorded to form a script, recording navigation commands that navigate the document browser to the document (column 14 lines 15-48).

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24. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: line 4 recites "navigating the three of the source online document..." which is not clear. It is assumed that "three of the" is a typographical error. Appropriate correction is required.

25. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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